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**NEHRU'S CHINA TRIP**

- I. Nehru and Indian press cautious at time of departure.
  - A. Nehru "determined" not to let Communists capitalize on trip.
- II. In China, Nehru got tremendous welcome.
  - A. Indians impressed by "spontaneity" of some demonstrations, solidarity of Chinese people.
- III. Effect on Indians different from that desired by Chinese, however.
  - A. Nehru, after departure, emphasized differences in Indian and Chinese methods.
  - B. Impressed by China's strength and fearful of fact that India would be weaker partner in any formal relationship.
  - C. Nehru likely to be more cautious in dealings with China.

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IV. Major result of trip may be in relations with Indochina.

A. India may recognize Cambodia, though recognition of Laos and Vietnam likely to be delayed.

B. India may in future more closely scrutinize Viet Minh actions in Indochina.

V. Conclusions.

A. India's foreign policy unlikely to show major changes.

B. Nehru's increased respect for Chinese strength likely to work in favor of West.

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